

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/853,322 Confirmation No. 5931  
Applicant : Lorenzo Casaccia *et al.*  
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Art Unit : 2617  
Examiner : Marcos L. Torres  
Docket No. : 010317  
Customer No. : 23696

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed August 6, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.